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Subject Mrs. Flora Anderson

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In connection with the attached enquiry regarding a Mrs. Flora Anderson, enquiries reveal that this person arrived in Shanghai, from Vienna, on October 18, 1938, on board the s.s. "Conte Biancamano."

Arrangements were made for Mrs. Anderson and her child to obtain accommodation at "Henley House", a private residential hotel, 1094 Avenue Road, by Dr. Peritz, local German Jewish refugee. It is not known whether Mrs. Anderson is acquainted with Dr. Peritz, as it is alleged that Dr. Peritz has on numerous occasions given assistance to all manner of people in Shanghai.

Mrs. Anderson and her young son have resided at Henley House ever since October 18 and are at present still there. Mrs. Anderson is reputed to be a gymnastic instructress and at one time was engaged in conducting a gymnastic class in Shanghai. She has also been mentioned in various local newspapers and magazines in connection with her activities in this sphere. She does not have many foreign friends in Shanghai, although she exchanges the usual courtesies with other residents at "Henley house."

It is stated that when war was declared between Great Britain and Germany, Mrs. Anderson, who is an Aryan German was very upset and worried about her future status locally. She was assured by the Manageress of "Henley House" that she would not

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be treated any differently by the management of the establishment. She is treated well by all residents of the boarding house but is very quiet and reserved. She frequently has Chinese friends call on her at "Henley House" and employs a young Chinese woman to look after her child. This woman is not of the usual "amah" type and Mrs. Anderson has brought her child into the habit of calling this woman "Auntie." The manageress of "Henley House" has expressed her annoyance with various of Mrs. Anderson's habits, saying that she objects to foreigners "going native."

During June of the current year, when Kao Shing Pao (高鑫寶), manager of the Lido Ballroom was arrested for alleged guerilla activities, Mrs. Anderson was heard to remark that her sister was a friend of Kao Shing Pao. It has been rumoured that Mrs. Anderson's sister, whose name is believed to be "Mrs. Meyer," is employed by the Chinese Government, but this is only according to "boarding house chatter." "Mrs. Meyer" is not known at "Henley House" and no information as to her present whereabouts is available. A considerable amount of mail is addressed to Mrs. Anderson at "Henley House" but the source is not known.

A short while ago, a German Aryan named Rettberg resided at 1094 Avenue Road and this man was regarded by residents as a very doubtful

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character. Some time after war was declared, he left 1094 Avenue Road, stating that he was taking up residence in Hongkew, but it is thought that he returned to Germany. Mrs. Anderson was apparently no more friendly with Rettberg than with the other residents of "Henley House".

On September 4, 1939, Mrs. Anderson engaged a room at the Park Hotel but has never resided there. She pays for the room regularly and has possession of the key. Since September 4, many cablegrams, <sup>on some days</sup> as many as three, have arrived at the Park Hotel for Mrs. Anderson, mostly addressed to the telegraphic address "THIRX." Mrs. Anderson usually calls at the Park Hotel personally, but occasionally a woman who states that she is Mrs. Anderson's sister, calls for the mail. Mrs. Anderson registered at the Park Hotel as Mrs. E.H. Anderson and child, Customs House.

Mrs. Anderson has told the manageress of "Henley House" that her husband was employed in the Maritime Customs in Shanghai, but he is not known at "Henley House" and has not resided with Mrs. Anderson since her arrival in Shanghai. It is not known whether any of Mrs. Anderson's correspondence is from her husband, but the arrival of letters at "Henley House" appear to affect Mrs. Anderson's financial resources. It is stated that at times she appears to be very short of money and then

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suddenly to be well supplied.

She is a good boarder at "Henley house"  
and pays her accounts regularly.

Mrs. Anderson, who is described as a rather  
dull, unintelligent type of person, is listed on  
C.S.6 records as, "Flora Anderson, German, Housewife,  
aged 33 in 1938. Arrived prior to October, 1938."

Mrs. Anderson's husband is believed to be  
of Swedish-American descent.

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Is anything known of the identity and  
activities of a Mrs. W. A. ALBERSCH, believed  
to be a resident in the Park Hotel?

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